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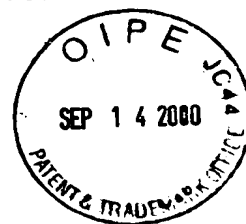
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APPLICATION OF)
GÜNTHER LINDE ET AL) PCT/EP 99/01537
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the subject application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 1, and the Abstract page, change the title to read --SOOT GRANULES--.

At page 1, line 2 insert the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 3, line 1 insert the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 3, line 8 insert the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

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